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Subject: RE: ORR Update for Weekly Report

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Importance: High

My apologies. I was working on something else late yesterday and totally forgot about the weekly. Here ya go:

Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE): On September 23<sup>th</sup>, the Administrator will be briefed regarding the Wastewater Dispute Decision made by former Administrator Wheeler on December 30, 2020 and associated ROD for the EMDF. Shortcomings of the Decision will be discussed, including ORC's opinion that developing site specific water quality levels for radionuclides in surface water could be a legal liability if such levels use fish consumption rates other than the CWA guidance default or those developed through CWA guidance on consumption surveys. Collaboration continues with TDEC and DOE to develop water quality levels for radionuclides at the CERCLA landfills, though DOE is resistant to any water quality levels that result in effluents lower than those currently in use at the existing landfill (equivalent to 25% of DOE's "DCS" per DOE guidance). At this point, the most "challenging" radionuclide in terms of meeting AWQC-type levels is cesium. At the RA's request, a small team from EPA, DOE, and TDEC is meeting to resolve the outstanding major issues and/or bring the issues to senior management for a decision. DOE is convened a group of DOE, TDEC and EPA staff to plan additional public engagement on new information that has been developed since the September 2018 Proposed Plan was issued; a teleconference was held on September 10<sup>th</sup>. A major challenge to preparing materials for public dissemination is that some of the information to share has yet to be finalized (i.e. WAC and surface water limits for radionuclides.) EPA has concerns about the DOE-set deadline of September 15<sup>th</sup> to resolve all matters for public comment (rad limits and WAC), as it is not clear that the deadline is achievable.

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Importance: High

Greetings Glenn and Cathy,

Are you able to provide an update to the below? I did not see anything in SAMS regarding the result of the September 14<sup>th</sup> briefing with the Administrator. Thanks.

Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE): On September 14th, the Administrator will be briefed regarding the Wastewater Dispute

Decision made by former Administrator Wheeler on December 30, 2020 and associated ROD for the EMDF. Shortcomings of the Decision and options going forward will be discussed. Collaboration continues with TDEC and DOE to develop effluent limits for radionuclides at the CERCLA landfills, though DOE is resistant to any water quality standards that result in effluents lower than those currently in use at the existing landfill (equivalent to 25% of DOE's "DCS" per DOE guidance). At the RA's request, a small team from EPA, DOE, and TDEC will be formed to resolve the outstanding major issues and/or bring the issues to senior management for a decision. Also, DOE is convening a group of DOE, TDEC and EPA staff to plan additional public engagement on new information that has been developed since the September 2018 Proposed Plan was issued; the first teleconference will be on September 10<sup>th</sup>. EPA has concerns about the DOE-set deadline of September 15<sup>th</sup> to resolve all matters for public comment (discharge limits and WAC), as it is not clear that the deadline is achievable

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